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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALBAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE SMITH & CO., 30, CORNHILL. GORDON & GORE, LUDGATE CIRCUS, E.C. BATES & HENDERSON, 21, WALBROOK, E.C. MURRAY & CO., 37, WALBROOK, E.C. STERLING & CO., 150 & 154, NEWBELL STREET, W.M. WILDE, 161, CUNNINGHAM STREET, ROBERT WATSON, 150, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMERIQUE FRANCE, 34, Rue Lafayette, Paris. THE CHINESE EVANGELICAL OFFICE, 52, Rue de la Paix.

NEW YORK.—J. STEVENS HAPEN, THE CHINESE EVANGELICAL OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SYDNEY.—W.M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S COMPANY, COLOMBO.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLOR & CO., Square, Singapore. O. HENZLER & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MACAO, F.A. DE CRUZ, SOUTHERN, QUEIROZ & CO. AMOY, N. MOALE, FOSHAN, HEDGE & CO., SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WILSHIRE, YOKOHAMA, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO., CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Deposit in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor is despatched by first class steamer leaving after receipt of order. Most articles can now be sent by the local Parcel Post. All retail orders of the value of five dollars and upwards are sent freight free.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-

gram receive prompt attention.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES

FOR GENTLEMEN RECENTLY DISMISSED

AT KOWLOON.

Kowloon, 5th February, 1890. 725

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE HONGKONG PHARMACY, SHANGHAI,

24, Nanjing Road.

BOTICA INOLIZA, MANILA,

Escalda, 14.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON,

Canal Road.

THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHEW.

THE DISPENSARY, BANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,

106, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

Hongkong, April 16, 1890. 711

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Ordinary Yearly MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the CITY HALL,

At Half-past Twelve o'clock, on SATURDAY,

April 26th, 1890, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1889.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. WHEELBY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1890. 683

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

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At Twelve o'clock (noon), on MONDAY,

the 28th April next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 27, 1890. 562

HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

AT the General MEETING held on the 16th Instant, under the presidency of H.E. THE OFFICE ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, the following Resolutions were passed:

1st.—That the HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB, and the same is, hereby formed.

2nd.—That H.E. THE Governor for the time being of the Colony, be President.

3rd.—That the Hon. A.P. MacEwan be Vice President.

4th.—That the duty of preparing draft Rules and Regulations be entrusted to Mr. Young, and that a subsequent Meeting be called to consider and approve such Rules, and appoint Officers.

5th.—That a notification be published in the local papers inviting Gentlemen who wish to become Members to send in their names to Mr. Young without delay.

6th.—That all money received from premiums on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Fund.

7th.—That interest will be pleased to receive the names of Gentlemen desirous of being elected Members of this Club, and it is hoped that the Community will give the institution their hearty support.

W.H. YOUNG,

Hon. Sec., pro tem.

Hongkong, April 17, 1890. 724

Intimations.

BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., Limited,

(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.

ANALYTICAL,

FAMILY DISPENSING AND

GENERAL CHEMISTS.

PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS.

SEEDSMEN.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

CIGAR IMPORTERS, &c., &c.

MANUFACTURERS OF ABSINTHE

WATERS.

BY STEAM MACHINERY.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DRY PLATES.

Apparatus, Chemicals, and Materials of

all kinds suitable for Amateurs and Professionals,

at Moderate Prices.

We beg to state that we import Drugs,

Chemicals, and Goods of every kind of the best description only—a no other quality is kept in stock.

Our long experience and intimate acquaintance with the Trade, and the best sources of supply, enable us to purchase direct from the Producers in the very best terms, and thus give an advantage which enables us to offer our constituents the benefit of a considerable reduction in the price of all our Specialities as compared with similar articles sold elsewhere.

We wish it to be clearly understood that our prices cannot be beaten by any other firm in the Colony; and we trust it will soon become generally known that, quality for quality, our charges all round compare favourably with those ruling at home.

Experienced qualified English Assistants are employed in the preparation and dispensing of Medicines.

GOODS FOR COAST PORTS,

Whenever practicable, are despatched by first class steamer leaving after receipt of order.

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W.H. YOUNG,

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 8807.—April 21, 1890.]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.
TIME TABLE.
(To take effect from 1st November.)

WEEK DAYS.
8 to 10 a.m., every quarter of an hour.
12 m., half hour.
(TICKET CARD at 12.45.)
3 to 7.30 p.m., every quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT THIRDS at 10.30 and 11 p.m.
SATURDAYS.
NIGHT THIRDS at 8.45 p.m., 9 p.m.,
10.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10.45 a.m.
12 noon to 2 p.m., every quarter of an hour.
3 to 7.30 p.m., every quarter of an hour.
Special CARDS may be obtained on application to the SUPERINTENDENT.
Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and REDUCED TICKETS at the Office.
MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2070

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(FORMERLY APPRENTICE AND LATER
ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

AT the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-
cupied by Dr. ROGERS.
NOW HAS
REMOVED.

18, D'AGUILAR STREET,
behind HONGKONG CLUB.

CONSULTATION FREE.
Hongkong, January 18, 1890. 122

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
AT THE PEAK.

THE FALLS' on R. B. L. No. 28.—
A Well-built Six-Roomed HOUSE,
at present let on Lease for one year.
For full Particulars, apply to

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, November 12, 1889. 2153

To Let.

TO LET.
ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS,'
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE,
STONEHENGE, ROBINSON ROAD, from
1st May.

No. 5, PEDDER'S Hill, from 1st May.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.
Hongkong, April 1, 1890. 93

To Let.

ST FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 15, PRAYA
CENTRAL.
2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to
LAI HING & CO.,
No. 163, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, March 21, 1890. 529

To Let.

THE RESIDENCE, No. 14, ABER-
YAN ROAD, in occupation of S. C. MICHAEL-
SEN, Esq. (overlooking Botanical Gardens).
Apply to
M. J. D. STEPHENS,
Solicitor,
18, Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, February 11, 1890. 276

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.
TO LET.
THE WHOLE of THE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
comprising—

CRETONE-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM
SUITS, MIRRORS, WHATNOTS, FAIRY CHAIRS
and TABLES, COTTAGE PIANO, by ROSEN-
CRANZ; TEA EXTENSION DINING TABLE and
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CROCKERY, PLATED and GLASS-WARE, &c.
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BED-ROOM SUITE, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale,
and the above will be on view on Friday
next.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 21, 1890. 743

To Let.

THE E. B. L. F. P.
R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Hongkong, April 9, 1890. 664

TO LET (FURNISHED).

N. 5, VICTORIA-VIEW,
Kowloon
FURNITURE can be taken over at 3
valuation.

Apply ON THE PREMISES.
2nd April, 1890. 623

To Let.

FROM 1st February next, Nos. 53, 55
and 57, PEEL STREET.
Apply to
EDWARD GEORGE,
Hongkong, January 9, 1890. 58

To Let.

Possession from 1st April.

A SIX-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK.
Apply to
DENNYS & MOSSOP,
50, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, February 20, 1890. 337

To Let.—At the Peak.

DUNNOTTAR, R. B. Lot No. 30, for
1 year. From 15th April, 1890.

Apply to
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 1, 1890. 747

To Let.

STEAM TO SOUTHERN CHINA,
SINGAPORE, &c.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
"Tachiu,"
Capt. R. W. S. Willson, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 21, 1890. 742

To Let.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGOYA
& KORE (Passing through the INLAND SEA).
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
"Tachiu,"
Capt. R. W. D. Morris, will leave for the above places at Noon on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 21, 1890. 748

To Let.

TO LET.
A HOUSE in WEST TERRACE.
Entry Int. May.
Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, March 29, 1890. 591

To Let.

ONE Large ROOM on the Ground
Floor of No. 13, Praya Central.
Suitable for an Office.
Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, March 28, 1890. 574

To Let.

THE TOP FLOOR of GIBB, LIVINGSTON
& Co.'s Hong, consisting of Five
SPACIOUS ROOMS and Three BATH-
ROOMS, suitable either as Offices or
Dwelling Apartments.

For terms, apply to
**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 95

To Let.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

From LONDON, LIVERPOOL
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Chingiao* having
arrived from the above Ports, Com-
munications of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Claims must be sent in to the OFFICE of
the Undersigned, before Noon on the 27th
Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 27th Inst., at 4 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after
the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
1 p.m. To PAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 21, 1890. 741

To Let.

Under the Patronage of
His EXCELLENCE FRANCIS FLEMING,
C.M.G., Administering the Government.

O N O O E R T
will be given by
The BAND of THE ARGYLL & SUTHER-
LAND HIGHLANDERS,
together with
A SHORT PERFORMANCE
By the "LOND. ATHLETIC CLUB".
The proceeds will be devoted to a Charitable
Object.

The Programme will be published shortly.

To Commence at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained and Seats re-
served at MR. KELLY & WALSH'S.

Price—Reserve Seats, \$1.25. Unre-
served Tickets, 50 cents. To be obtained
at the Door, at MR. KELLY & WALSH
and from the Officers, Sergt. Major or Band
Master of the Regiment.

Onkong, April 21, 1890. 93

PEAK HOTEL and TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PEAK
HOTEL & TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED,
will NOT, on or after the 1st day of May,
1890, be ANSWERABLE for PAY ANY
DETS or ACCOUNTS, unless the orders for
the same be signed by the Secretary to the
Company for the time being.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. WHEELHEY,
Secretary.
Dated 21st April, 1890. 744

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
PIANO, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 26th April, 1890, commencing at 2.30
p.m. sharp, at the Residence of BARTESS
WRIGHT, Esq., No. 6, Seymour Terrace,

THE WHOLE of THE
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CRETON-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM
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The M. M. Co's. s. *Sophalen* left Sagon for this port to-day (Monday), the 21st instant, at 2 p.m.

L'Amiral du Tonkin says that the latest reports of the Resident of Caobang tend to the evacuation of that province.

According to Manila papers, influenza is prevalent at present in the Philippines, where a large number of people have been attacked, but fortunately in a mild form.

Messrs. Chalowiz & Co. inform us that the N. G. I. s. *Rorima* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on or about the 27th instant.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the a. s. *Glenca* took, from London for this port, left Singapore on Saturday, the 19th instant.

Messrs. Batterfield & Swire inform us that the O. S. Co.'s. *Glaucus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore this morning for this port.

The German steamer *Rezzel*, which was seized at Tonkino on account of a discovery of smuggled opium, has, says *L'Amiral du Tonkin*, obtained permission to leave on giving security.

CHEUNG MAN, a tailor, who was charged before Mr. Wodehouse to-day with snatching a pair of earrings from the ears of a woman in Queen's Road, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and two whippings of 25 strokes each.

A LARGO agricultural establishment on the River Claro in Tonkin was attacked by pirates on the 9th April. The pirates burned the farm and out-houses, and decapitated the brother of the proprietor, Mr. Romery. They carried off the horses, cattle and sheep.

The M. M. steamer *Archaeus*, on the Company's new Haiphong-Pakhoi-Touron line, on her last voyage to Haiphong, went on shore on the S. E. bank of the South Channel near Hainan head. She got off, after about 400 tons of the cargo had been transferred to boats.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. Thomas Howell has been provisionally appointed to be Bailiff of the Supreme Court vice Mr. J. R. McLean, deceased; also that Mr. Sheikh Abdool Rahman has been appointed on probation to be Hindostani interpreter at the Supreme Court.

The Hongkong Choral Society, under the leadership of Mr. A. J. May, will give another performance of Gian's cantata "Ruth," in St. John's Cathedral on Friday evening, commencing at 9.15. Donations will be collected in aid of the Diocesan Home Building Fund.

BEFORE Mr. Wodehouse in the Police Court to day, Li Ho, a widow, residing in Tank Lane, charged a coolie who lives in the same house with her with breaking open a box in her room and stealing therefrom \$20. The defendant said he only took thirteen taels from the box. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

A SOCIAL gathering took place on board the *Glenca*, Captain Norman, in Manila on the night of the 11th instant. A steam launch conveyed the guests on board. The programme consisted of various songs and recitations by the members of the crew. Scenery was mounted on the deck, and the vessel was dressed with flags and well illuminated. Refreshments were served with liberality to the guests.

Mr. G. H. Batson Wright, headmaster of Victoria College, accompanied by Mrs. Wright, left this morning by the P. & O. steamer *Brindisi* for England on leave. We believe the boys of the College, with whom the headmaster was very popular, presented Mrs. Batson Wright with a silver tea service, and made a great demonstration with crackers before the departure of the steamer.

The Hongkong Victorians had their annual competition with 9 in. guns at the moving target for the Commandant's prize on Saturday, at the East Battery, Stonecutters' Island. A considerable number of honorary members of the corps went over to see the competition. The shooting was very good, and Corporal Henderson by a direct hit succeeded in carrying off the prize.

H. E. the Administrator visited on Friday evening, regarding the Duke's visit. On a pleasant night last night to see His Royal Highness great quiet exit whom he helped to defeat at Tel Aviv. Arabi Pasha, with his friend Ali Fumi Pasha, and his son Arabi Mahmud Bey was to be seen amongst those at the brilliant scene, waiting to see the last of Their Royal Highnesses in Capo. And it was thankfully indeed the end salve received the hand-slap of the Duke given with all the grace and heartiness of a generous warrior. A few kind words were evidently given with the greeting to judge by the gratified look on the recipient's quiet, expressive face, now ageing fast and growing sadder, with the once black hair and beard fast turning white. On Ali Pasha and Mahmud Bey being brought to his notice by Arabi Pasha to His Royal Highness, he shook hands with them also and the last, the mournful exile saw of him and his kind Comort were the mixed military and civil salute of the gentlemen, and the sweet smile and graceful bow of the lady in response to their elegant salutes. By Order of the Court of Directors,

Mrs. Afong, the well-known photographer, died of apoplexy on Saturday night.

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

March Military Gounod.
Valse Deutsche Hosen' Sifas.
Selection Olivete Audran.
Chorus from "Paradise" Donizetti.
Selection The Jacobite Gauner.

The celebrated stern wheeler *Kuling* has been taken over by the China Merchants' Company to run between Hankow and Ichang.

It is probable that an arrangement between the local steamer companies will be made, whereby they may pool their resources, so as to meet the cost of the *Kuling*. We learn that Mr. John Swire and Mr. Scott of the firm of Batterfield & Swire are on their way out from home to take the water in hand.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

Mr. James Hart arrived in Shanghai on the 16th inst., on his way to Peking, to propose, to lay the result of his labours in connection with the Sikhs to the Inspector General and the Imperial Chinese Government.

The astonishing cheap rates of freight at present ruling at this port (*Foochow*) for the North have induced a very large business in all exports of native produce, and trade has greatly revived. It is stated that the rate now offering for shanghaing and Tientsin is much lower than that by junks.

Foochow Echo.

It was during the pipe-playing competition at our sports the other day, and a few of the finest old Highland pipebands had been played, when the following conversation took place between two of them:

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Our G. and P. Adjutant, says the *Regimental News*, had a narrow escape of being confined in the guard room the other day. Anxious to practice some sketching in view of his approaching examination for promotion, he proceeded to Kowloon and started sketching on Barrack Hill. But the eye of the corporal of the guard had detected him, and in a few moments he was surrounded by a file of the guard, to whom he was lucky able to explain suffice.

The Chairman then read the proposed provisions and additions.

Mr. Drude objected to the eighth paragraph, which reads as follows:—"Any member whose shares have been forfeited shall notwithstanding be liable to pay, and shall forthwith pay to the Company all calls, instalments, interest and expenses owing upon or in respect of such shares at the time of the forfeiture, together with interest thereon from the time of forfeiture or cancellation until payment at the rate of 12 per cent per annum; and the General Manager may, enforce the payment thereof if they think fit. He thought that, if shares were forfeited, the shareholder should not pay calls. He thought that there would be legal objections to it, and that it might cause trouble afterwards."

Mr. Wotton said that was a question that might arise afterwards.

Mr. Drude said that in the interest of the company he made the objection at the present moment.

Mr. Wotton—You have paid all your calls, have you not?

Mr. Drude—Yes.

Mr. Wotton—Very well, you have no reason to make objections. It is for the benefit of the Company that it should be left.

Mr. Drude—There will be trouble by and by.

Mr. Wotton said the amendments adopted by the Songki Kuyah Co. were in the same form, and it is considered to be the necessary form. If there was to be trouble through it, there would be trouble in a good many places both here and in England.

After some further discussion, the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Herter, was carried.

The Chairman said a confirmatory meeting would be held, of which due notice would be given.

THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the North China Insurance Co. for presentation to the Twelfth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Office of the Company, Hankow Road, Shanghai, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of April, 1890.

The Directors have pleasure in laying before the Shareholders the duly audited Balance Sheet and Working Accounts of the Company to 31st December last.

1888.—In accordance with the terms of the Resolution passed at the last Ordinary General Meeting, the account has now been closed.

The total Profit of the year, amounting to Taels 338,318.46, have been distributed as follows:—

10 per cent upon the Paid-up Capital, Taels 121,310.28

18 per cent on Shareholders' Contributions Taels 177,185.57

Addition to the Reserve Fund, Taels 40,000.00

1889.—The Balance at credit on 31st December was Taels 102,56.94, and after deducting Losses and Claims since paid and estimated, and making provision for anticipated risks, the following interim distribution of profit is now recommended:—

Increase at the rate of 10 per cent on the Paid-up Capital.

Bonus of 15 per cent upon Shareholders' Contributions.

And Interest accrued upon the Reserve Fund to 31st December, 1888, £d. per share.

Directors—Mr. Westall, being about to leave for home, resigns his seat at the Board.

The remaining Directors retain in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The appointment of Auditors rests with the Shareholders, and Messrs. Auguste White and Andrew Burnham again tender their services.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
W. H. Pekuvan, Acting Secretary,
Shanghai, 10th April, 1891.

THREE very old standing Cantonese tea-hongs say the *Foochow Echo*, have wisely retired from the trade, owing to considerable losses sustained last season, and we believe two more will soon follow suit.

The Ceylon Observer says:—"It is not likely that with a demand made on both Hongkong and the Straits Settlements for an increased Contribution in aid of Military Expenditure—a demand amounting to a command—the case of Ceylon has been overlooked by the War Department and Treasury. No doubt, it has already been pressed on the Colonial Office that the condition of this Colony has greatly improved since 1883 when the reduction was made in the Military vote to suit the depressed state of the island finance. The officers of the Imperial Treasury have probably learned something of the rise of our Tea industry, or the ruins of coffee planting and have formed some idea of what this means in bringing about better times for the people at large. It is quite true too that our General Revenue has expanded from £1,161,107 in 1882 to £1,401,408,310 in 1888 the two years for which comparisons could probably be made. Why then should the Treasury hesitate in the name of Ceylon to insist on another 'pound of flesh?'" The chief reason given by the Government is that the revenue of the colony, when put into pounds sterling has not increased since 1882, but decreased. From 1874 to 1885, the rate of conversion was 1/104. For 1888 it was as low as 1/14. The revenue in sterling, therefore, which in 1882 was £1,401,407, was only £1,059,356 in 1888. This argument of course applies with more force to Ceylon, because it has a considerable sterling debt, but it is not without force as regards Hongkong, although it was not put forward during the discussion of the question here.

DARVEL BAY CO. LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of this company was held to-day. There were present Messrs. H. Heyn (Chairman), C. Klingemann, C. Rorge, C. Schwaneke, E. Niedhardt, G. Drude, L. N. Ohly, D. Herbst, F. Fuhrmann, &c.

The Chairman said the shareholders were aware of the purpose for which the meeting was called, namely, to pass a resolution enabling the company to deal with shares or stock which had been forfeited.

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Bassuto	Brit. bge.	Shanghai
Fushun	Chi. str. Shanghai	

AMOY.

In port on April 13, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Osifoo	British
Devonhurst	Dutch

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Loongwha	Br. smch.
Kristina Nilsson	Ger. bg.

FOOCHOW.

In port on April 10, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Haitan	British
Nunaimo	Brit. bge.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

SHANGHAI.	
	In port on April 9, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Akashi	Japanese
Alwine Seyd	German
Anchises	British
Cass	Chinese
Ching On	British
Chin-tung	Chinese
Chlyuen	Chinese
Djennah	French
Eli Dorado	British
Fisching	British
Fuhwo	British
Fockang	British
Glengarry	British
Hae-shin	Chinese
Hae-tung	Chinese
Hainyu	Chinese
I ngo	British
Kai-sa-i-Hind	British
Kiang-pian	Chinese
Kiang-tung	Chinese
Kulung	British
Kungwo	British
Kwang Lee	Chinese
Kwong-sang	British
Lee-yuen	Chinese
Feechii	British
Pekin	British
Poochi	Chinese
Saitio Maru	Japanese
Toonan	Chinese
Ulysses	British
Wia-on	British
Wuchang	British
Yangtze	German
Y-ling	British
Yuensang	British

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Augusta	Ger. bge.
Charley	Brit. bge.

NAGASAKI.

In port on April 5, 1890.

Kozaki Maru

YOKOHAMA.

In port on April 4, 1890.

Arctic

Br. 3m. sc.

Bentin San

Swed. sch.

Diana

Amer. sch.

Eaco Soule

Amer. bge.

Kristine Nilson

Ger. bg.

Satauna

Brit. bge.

HIOGO.

In port on April 4, 1890.

Henry Falling

Amer. sh.

Isaac Reed

Amer. sh.

W. G. Davis

Amer. sh.

MANILA.

In Port on March 20, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

San Ignacio de Loyola

Sp. str. Ulpoly, Spain

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Alex. Yat

Brit. sh. New York

Arizona

Brit. sh. United States

Earl Granville

Brit. sh. discharging

Granite State

Amer. sh. United States

Minister of Marine

Brit. sh. New York

Monrovia

Brit. sh. Hilo

Panay

Amer. sh. discharging

Zepina Goudoy

Brit. bge. uncertain

ILOILO.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Mount Olivet

Brit. str. Port Said

Queen Victoria

Brit. str. Manila

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Abbie S. Hart

Brit. sh. Montreal

Flora P. Shaftesbury

Brit. sh. United States

Karnak

Brit. bge. Montreal

Ruby

Brit. sh. uncertain

Sylvan

Brit. bge. United States

BANGKOK.

In port on April 3, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Rainbow

Siamese

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Akerblom

Swed. bge.

C. Treffenburg

Swed. bge.

Foodrow

Siam. bg.

Leourea

Aust. bge.

Long Hin

Siam. bge.

Golian

Siam. bge.

Hilda

Swed. bge.

Morna

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloong shore B, and those in the body of the

Harbour C. Shipping or midway between each shore are marked D, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

- From Green Island to the Gas Works.
- From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
- From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
- From Harbour Master's to the F. and O. Co.'s Office.
- From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peppard's Wharf.
- From Peppard's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

SECTION.

1. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

2. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

3. From East Point to Kowloon Wharves.

4. From Kowloon Wharves to North Point.

5. From North Point to Kowloon Wharves.

6. From Kowloon Wharves to the Gas Works.

7. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.

8. From Jardine's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

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13. From Gas Works to Jardine's